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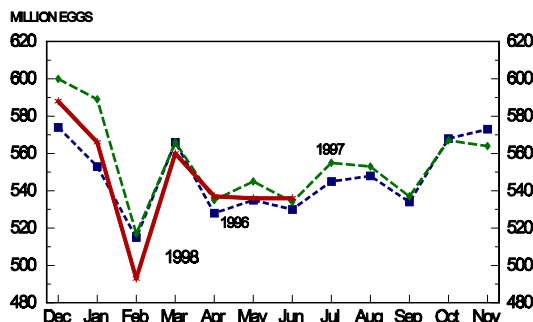
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during June totaled 536 million, the same as last month and 2.00 million more than last June. Average number of layers during the month totaled 24.4 million, fractionally below last month and 2 percent below June 1997. Eggs per 100 layers during the month averaged 2,199, compared to 2,198 last month and 2,142 in June 1997.

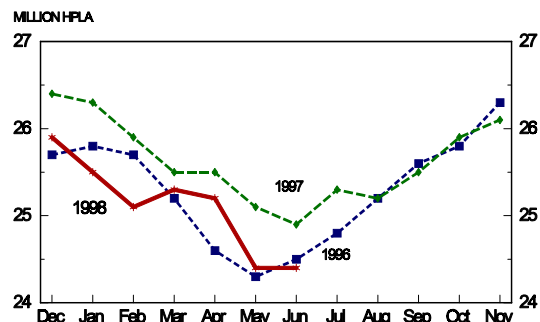
U.S. JUNE EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.42 billion during June 1998, up 2 percent from the 6.28 billion produced in 1997. Production included 5.40 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 960 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 1998 averaged 308 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during June 1997. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,086 eggs, down slightly from 2,093 eggs in June 1997. All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1998 totaled 308 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 308 million layers consisted of 251 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.54 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1998 averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JUNE, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JULY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	11,093	10,415	1,902	1,843	211	192	2.0	1.0	8.5	10.0
Arkansas	14,135	14,706	1,825	1,802	258	265	3.5	2.0	10.0	8.5
California	24,926	24,373	2,142	2,199	534	536	9.0	5.5	36.5	31.0
Georgia	19,449	21,126	2,010	1,927	391	407	5.0	6.0	22.0	16.5
Indiana	21,241	21,503	2,184	2,255	464	485	1.5	2.5	19.0	34.0
Iowa	21,748	23,241	2,203	2,121	479	493	3.0	5.0	27.5	34.0
North Carolina	12,261	11,252	1,884	1,902	231	214	3.0	1.0	12.5	9.0
Ohio	25,378	27,905	2,199	2,161	558	603	4.0	3.5	10.5	13.0
Pennsylvania	20,663	21,305	2,221	2,201	459	469	2.5	4.5	16.0	16.5
Texas	16,749	16,759	2,042	1,927	342	323	7.0	6.0	26.0	24.0
United States	299,870	307,812	2,093	2,086	6,276	6,422	4.8	4.0	21.2	21.6

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The June 1998 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 719 million, was up 2 percent from June of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 609 million on July 1, 1998, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.90 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1998. This was up 15 percent from June 1997.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE

State	1997	1998	<u>1998</u> 1997
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	91,718	93,159	102
Arkansas	106,379	104,481	98
Delaware	16,736	16,516	99
Florida	9,263	9,149	99
Georgia	107,793	108,457	101
Maryland	30,323	31,083	103
Mississippi	62,375	63,174	101
North Carolina	61,609	60,990	99
Pennsylvania	12,336	12,653	103
South Carolina	15,405	14,750	96
Texas	45,933	45,516	99
Virginia	23,443	23,729	101
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	36,514	39,003	107
Other States ^{1/}	84,302	96,323	114
UNITED STATES	704,129	718,983	102

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 39.2 million, up 6 percent from June 1997. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.6 million on July 1, 1998, up 8 percent from a year ago.

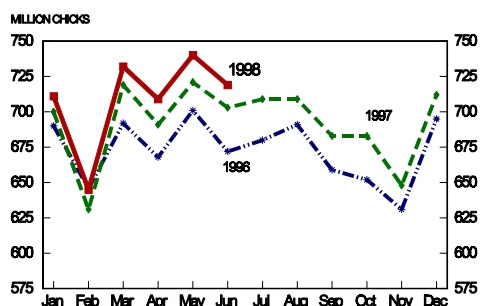
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 360 thousand during June 1998. This was up 42 percent from the 254 thousand of June 1997.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE

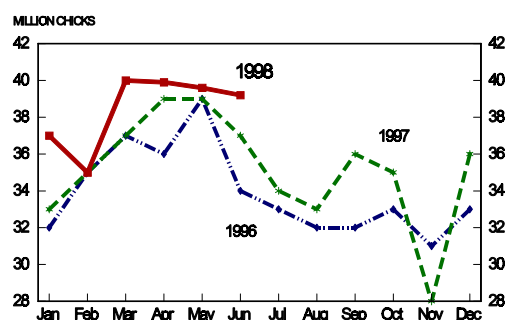
State	1997	1998	<u>1998</u> 1997
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	629	605	96
Florida	1,190	1,263	106
Georgia	2,055	2,163	105
Indiana	7,200	7,278	101
Iowa	4,355	4,230	97
Kansas	308	136	44
Minnesota	1,828	2,218	121
Missouri	398	391	98
Pennsylvania	5,517	6,003	109
Other States ^{1/}	13,381	14,919	111
UNITED STATES	36,861	39,206	106

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1996-1998



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1996-1998



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JULY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
	- - Thousands - -		Percent	- - Thousands - -		Percent
North Atlantic	12,022	12,266	102	5,852	6,545	112
East North Central	6,881	8,020	117	6,855	8,294	121
West North Central	21,347	20,960	98	6,106	5,780	95
South Atlantic	229,213	232,566	101	4,245	4,293	101
South Central	297,868	310,989	104	3,590	3,049	85
West	22,806	24,541	108	3,590	4,616	129
UNITED STATES	590,137	609,342	103	30,238	32,577	108

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The June average prices received by California producers, when compared to May average prices, increased 2.5 cents for broilers, and remained the same for live turkeys per pound. Market egg prices increased 12.2 cents per dozen.

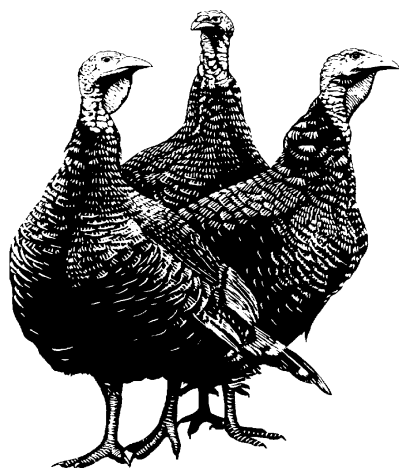
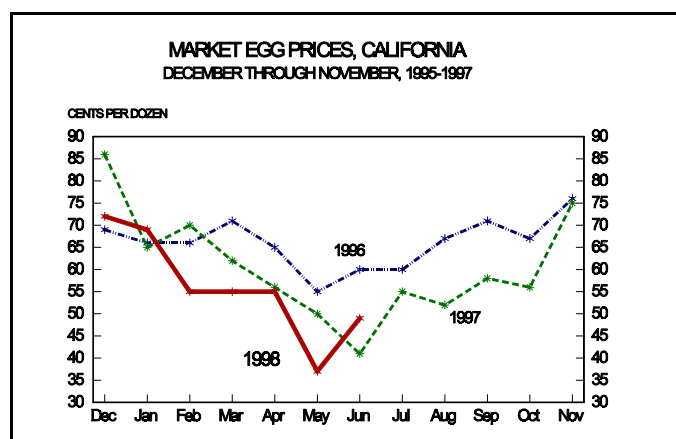
Nationally, the June average prices received by producers increased 3.4 cents per pound for broilers, and 0.5 cents per pound for turkeys. Prices for market eggs increased 5.9 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	June 1997	May 15, 1998	June 15, 1998
--- Cents ---				
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	38.5	37.0	39.5
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	41.0	37.0	49.2
Turkeys	Lb.	40.0	37.0	37.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.4	36.9	40.3
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	45.4	39.0	44.9
Turkeys	Lb.	41.5	35.4	35.9

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

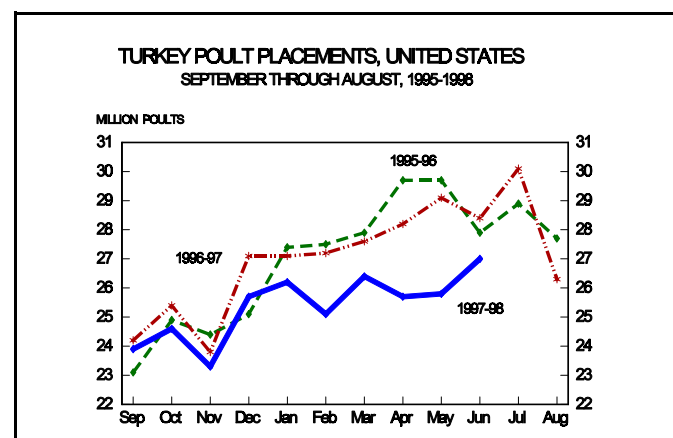
Turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 1998 in the United States totaled 34.1 million, down 12 percent from July 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the June 1 total of 33.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, up 2 percent; W N Central, down 3 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 26 percent; S Central, down 12 percent; West, down 7 percent.

The 27.0 million poults placed during June 1998 in the United States were down 5 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 5 percent from the May 1998 total of 25.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 1 percent; W N Central, up 3 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 9 percent; S Central, down 15 percent; West, down 7 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators July 1		1998 1997	Poults Placed during June 1/		1998 1997
	1997	1998		1997	1998	
	- Thousands -		Pct.	- Thousands -		Pct.
EN Central	5,153	5,251	102	3,651	3,610	99
WN Central	11,484	11,133	97	8,802	9,055	103
N&S Atlantic	13,017	9,620	74	9,609	8,777	91
S Central	4,021	3,547	88	3,274	2,787	85
West	4,911	4,565	93	3,045	2,818	93
U.S.	38,586	34,116	88	28,381	27,047	95

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		97-98 96-97	Cumulative Total		97-98 96-97
	1996-97	1997-98		1996-97	1997-98	
	- Thousands -		Percent	- Thousands -		Percent
Sept.	24,154	23,907	99	24,154	23,907	99
Oct.	25,354	24,587	97	49,508	48,494	98
Nov.	23,830	23,281	98	73,338	71,775	98
Dec.	27,119	25,711	95	100,457	97,486	97
Jan.	27,121	26,240	97	127,578	123,726	97
Feb.	27,145	25,093	92	154,723	148,819	96
Mar.	27,610	26,362	95	182,333	175,181	96
Apr.	28,220	25,747	91	210,553	200,928	95
May ^{2/}	29,111	25,677	88	239,664	226,605	95
June	28,381	27,047	95	268,045	253,652	95
July	30,092			298,137		
Aug.	26,321			324,458		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Data revised for 1997-98 "Total All Breeds".

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	June 1997	May 1998 <u>1/</u>	June 1998	<u>June 1998</u> June 1997	<u>June 1998</u> May 1998
PACIFIC COAST		---- Thousands ----			-- Percent --	
	Turkeys	Lbs.	81,102	88,831	99,429	123 112
	Chickens	Lbs.	45,618	27,176	24,844	54 91
	Ducks	Lbs.	432	565	721	167 128
	Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	127,152	116,572	124,994	98 107
UNITED STATES						
	Turkeys	Lbs.	667,850	612,871	654,460	98 107
	Chickens	Lbs.	711,658	663,580	580,068	82 87
	Ducks	Lbs.	4,305	5,430	4,559	106 84
	Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,383,813	1,281,881	1,239,087	90 97
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	8,339	12,867	10,212	122 79	

1/ Revised.